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The Pankrac Prison

1. The Pankrac Prison in Prague (051/L 78) holds only those prisoners, military and political, who are awaiting trial either by a State Court or the State Court Martial, of which Pankrac is the seat.
2. The prison consists of three main blocks, A, B, and C [REDACTED] each with a courtyard of its own. Each block has three floors, numbered with the block letter prefacing the floor, 1, 2, and 3. The basements of each block are numbered 4. Thus the third floor of Block A is A3, the basement A4 and C4 are under the direct administration of the STB. Prisoners who have not yet been interrogated are held here. The main guard room is on the second floor of Block C, C2. The prison compound is enclosed by a wall 13 feet high and two feet, four inches thick, studded with broken glass on top. On its inner side, approximately two feet from the top, is an electrical alarm system.
3. The guard room in C2 is occupied by 25 men before the closing hour of 4:00 p.m. After that time only one guard is in charge of all three floors in each block. The guards, as well as the floor commanders, are armed with submachine guns. The inner walls are guarded by four sentries who walk regular beats, and by two guards posted at each gate. Five guards with police dogs supervise the area between blocks. On Saturdays and Sundays the prison is closed between 1300 and 0600 hours.

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i. Some of the personnel at Pankrat are:

Prison Commander: Ing. Jan Cuhak

Chairman of the Workers' Committee: Chief Constable (vrchní strážmistr) Jan Krasny

## Floor Commanders:

A1: Constable (strážník) Jan Budil, a Communist

A2: Chief Constable Jan Kravsky, now temporarily in Mlada Boleslav (Jungbusch - 1961/T 02)

A3: Chief Constable J. Germak, a Communist

A4: Vaclav Pesek, an STB official and former political prisoner, now a Communist

B1: Constable Jan Lysák

B2: Constable Jan Houday

B3: Constable Jan Gehan

B4: Chief Constable Radislav Svoboda, a rabid Communist and a sadist

C1: Constable Jan Kopecky

C2: Jan Jaks

C3: Jan Chlumka

C4: unidentified CSC officials

ii. Some members of the State Court Martial at Pankrat are:

Judge advocate: Gen. Jan Vavsek

Lt Col Pavel Slaby  
(formerly Wenzberg)Lt Col Jaroslav Klecka  
(formerly Weiss)

Investigating Judges: Maj Jan Sedláček

Maj Jan Dvořák

Maj Jan Štěpán

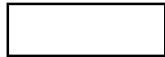
Chairman of the Military Senator:  
Gen. František Šimola~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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6. After sentence, prisoners are sent either to Bory Prison near Plzen (Pilsen - N60/L 04) or to Mirov (unlocated) prison.

The Bory Prison (at Plzen)

7. All convicts serving sentences of more than one year, and all those political prisoners sentenced by a State Court are held at Bory. Within Bory Prison is the Military Court Prison, located on the third floor of Block A. Only military personnel held for investigation, and military convicts serving sentences of less than a year, are held in this prison.

8. Bory Prison consists of eight blocks [redacted] 25X1 radiating from a central cupola which is entered from the ground floor of Block C.

- a. Block C contains no cells. At intervals along the passageway in Block C are three steel gates which are locked at all times. Only prison guards, inspectors, and military personnel visiting the military prison are allowed to enter.
- b. Of the remaining seven blocks, three consist of common prison cells (blocks A, B, and D), three are made up of solitary cells (blocks a, b, and c) and one block contains workshops. These blocks are entered from the central cupola through barred steel doors. Blocks a, b, and c each contains on each of the three floors 15 cells on the left side of the central passage, and 14 cells on the right side with the remaining cubicle serving as a guard room.
- c. Block b has cells in the basement which serve as correction cells.
- d. The third floor of block a is reserved for military convicts of the Regional Military Court in Pilsen and forms a separate prison with its own independent administration.
- e. Blocks A, B, and D contain only one row of large cells which are entered from a passage on their left. The passages are entered from the central cupola through a barred steel door. Every floor in each block contains 14 cells and a guard room which occupies the cubicle to the right of the entrance. The last three cells on the ground floor of block B are reserved for prominent prisoners and are entered from the passage through a separate barred door covered with canvas.
- f. The seventh block [redacted] 25X1 is a workshop where prisoners work during the day. Between blocks are concrete roundels for the prisoners' daily exercise. Watch dogs, tied to wires connected with each of the prison blocks, are stationed on the peripheries of the courtyards between the blocks.
- g. The outer and inner walls are two feet thick and 16 feet high, fitted with an alarm system. The walls form an irregular septagon with guard towers on five corners.

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- e. In addition to a 24 hour military guard of six EM and an NCO posted by the garrison of Pilsen, the prison employs 160 permanent guards. Of these 60 are on day duty, 30-35 are on night duty but 10 of these are merely stand-by's and are allowed to sleep.
- a. The walls are patrolled by five guards by day and five by night. The passages of each block are controlled by four guards, one to each floor. The entry passage on the ground floor of block C, leading to the central cupola is guarded by three men, each to one of the three steel doors barring the passage at intervals
- b. Prominent prisoners, held in special cells at the rear of block D, are permanently guarded by two members of the STB. Internal guards are armed with clubs and pistols. Outside patrols carry submachine guns.
- c. Each door, and the five guard boxes inside the outer wall, are equipped with an alarm system leading to all guard rooms, to the alert squad, to all living quarters of the prison guards, and to the SSB Headquarters in Pilsen.
19. Some of the personnel at Bory Prison are:

Commander of the Regional Military Court Prison:	Maj JUDr Milos Stejskal, a Communist
Chief Prison Inspector:	Lt fnu Sochma, an anti- Communist
Subordinates:	2nd Lt fnu Vlcek, a Communist  2nd Lt fnu Simek, an anti- Communist
Prison Commander of Bory Prison proper:	Lt Col fnu Safarik
Prison Director:	Jaroslav Leica, former National Socialist, now a Communist
Deputy Director:	Frantisek Prochlik, a Communist
Inspectors:	Josef Pospisil, an ardent Communist  Fnu Ditrich
	Chief Constable Antonin Weber
	Chief Constable fnu Sajnovsky, rabid Communist and a sadist
	Chief Constable fnu Vyleta, rabid Communist
	Chief Constable fnu Fojtasek, rabid Communist
	Constable fnu Dank
	Constable fnu Bentko
	Constable fnu Hada
	Constable fnu Novak

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Deputy Inspectors:

Chief Constable Josef  
KejzlarChief Constable Josef  
Pytlík

11. The total number of convicts registered at Bory Prison is 6,000. Of these, 1,100 are held at the prison itself, and the remaining 4,900 are detached to the forced labor camps and at various industrial plants and mines. The following is a list of military prisoners held at Bory:

5 Generals, including fmu Janousek, fmu Krazek, and fmu Pelich  
 29 Colonels, including fmu Vosatko, and fmu Voves  
 25 Lieutenant Colonels, including fmu Nedbulek  
 60 Majors, including fmu Drk  
 50 Staff Captains and Captains, including Ervin Novotny, formerly with the R.F.  
 20 Lieutenants, including fmu Novy  
 200 Non-commissioned officers  
 30 Regional Criminal Inspectors (politically unreliable)  
 50 members of the SGB (politically unreliable)  
 70 members of the SNE (politically unreliable)

12. Two of the prominent prisoners are:

Dr. fmu Smid, former personal physician to the late President Benes

Zdenek Zejny, renounced son of Gen fmu Bocek

13. The following named prisoners are reported to be stool pigeons:

fmu Cizek

Staff Capt fmu Vladar

Karel Exzobchaty

fmu Lhotc, an academic painter

#### Labor Camps

14. The following chart lists the labor camps and the numbers of Bory prisoners assigned to work in these camps:

Labor Camp	Type of Work	Location	Number of Prisoners	Political	Criminal
Vykmanov	uranium mines	Horni Zdar (Ober Brand - NSL/K 70)	400	1,800	
Jiretice-Lipkovice	coal mines	Georgendorf (NSL/F 04)	600	600	
Hrada	iron works	unlocated	60	90	
Kralovedvorské cement mills (cementarny)	cement	Kraluv Dvur (Konigsdorf - NSO/L 55)	-	120	
Stalin Works	steel works	Hulsen (NSO/L 04)	30	320	
Budce Mlynky	mining	(OBL/G 93)	30	30	

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Labor Camp	Type of Work	Location	Number of Prisoners	
			Political	Criminal
Horni Briza	tile factory	Ober Liris (N50/L 05)	100	150
Susice	unknown	(N50/C 28)	-	80
Sedlec near Most	quarries	Sedlitz (N51/F 29)	-	60
Morina	quarries	Gross Morin (N50/L 37)	40	-
Kladuby near Stribro	State preserve	Kladrau (N50/L 73)	-	50
Zlatinica near Most	State preserve	Deutsch Zlatnik (N51/F 12)	-	50
Zalezly near Pilsen	State preserve	Salvsk (N51/P 72)	-	50
Velke Dvorce near Tachov	Pasture combine	Tachov (N50/P 54)	-	30

15. Labor camps have been established by all enterprises employing prisoners. They are guarded either by professional prison guards, the Workers' Militia, or the S.N.B.
16. In August 1949 a new forced labor camp was opened at Vseborice (Schoesbriza - N51/F 44) near Usti nad Labem. The camp was used as a concentration camp during the German occupation and after 1945 was used to keep Sudeten Germans about to be expelled. Guarded by fully armed S.N.B. members, the camp is made up of wooden barracks surrounded by a barbed wire fence. At present there are 600 political prisoners here who are taken out during the day to their work stations.

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